



# Washington Association of District Employees

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## WADE WANTS YOU!

### Officer & Director Elections

A board of four Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and three at-large Directors direct the Washington Association of District Employees (WADE). Elections for the Officers and Directors (O&D) are held each year at the annual training in Leavenworth. We are seeking nominations for these positions.

The personal time commitment and responsibilities for most of the positions usually take very little time during the year, but provide an opportunity to make a difference. The O&D hold two board meetings, one at the WACD annual meeting in the fall and one during the training in June. There are also around four teleconferences held throughout the year to plan the training in June. The O&D assist with the training as needed.

Eligible individuals to hold the position of a WADE officer or director, include any current or past employee of a conservation district, Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) or Washington State Conservation Commission.

WADE was created to improve the effectiveness of conservation districts and strengthen their programs. Our mission is to increase the effectiveness of conservation districts and their employees; foster a mutual partnership between conservation agencies, organizations, and associations through enhanced communication and professional improvement. According to our by-laws WADE will:

- 1) Facilitate the communication of information and ideas between members to strengthen conservation district programs and policies.
- 2) Encourage the professional development of members and work to improve career opportunities in conservation.
- 3) Establish and encourage voluntary standards of professional conduct for members.
- 4) Work actively with individual conservation districts in the State of Washington, Washington State Conservation Commission, Washington and National Association of Conservation Districts, National Conservation District Employee Association, Natural Resources Conservation Services and other cooperating entities to support and improve their conservation programs and operating policies.

Please consider taking on a position as a board member of WADE or nominate someone you feel will benefit this organization. You can make nominations during the opening session at WADE or send an email to me before the training. The elections will run during the training and the new board will be announced and begin their term at the closing session.

Sincerely,

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